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Sasha Roiz

Sasha Roiz (Hebrew: סשה רויז; born October 21, 1973) is a Canadian actor known for his portrayals of Sam Adama in the science-fiction TV series *Caprica* and Captain Sean Renard in the American fantasy TV series *Grimm*.

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Roiz at San Diego Comic-Con in 2026

Born	October 21, 1973 Tel Aviv, Israel
Alma mater	Guildford School of Acting
Occupation	Actor
Years active	2001–present

Early life

Roiz was born in Tel Aviv[1] to Russian Jewish parents.[2][3] The family moved to Montreal in 1980. Roiz studied history before joining a theatre school in Montreal. He later graduated from the Guildford School of Acting in Guildford, Surrey.[4][5]

Career

Roiz has appeared in a number of popular television dramas, including *CSI: Miami*, *House*, *NCIS*, *The Mentalist*, *Lie To Me* and *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*. He had a recurring role on *Warehouse 13* as Marcus Diamond.[6]

In 2008, Roiz landed the role of Sam Adama on *Caprica*, a spin-off of *Battlestar Galactica*. His character is a Tauron enforcer for the Ha'la'tha crime syndicate on Caprica who frequently goes head-to-head with his lawyer brother Joseph Adama (played by Esai Morales),[7] and is also the uncle of William Adama.[8] On April 28, 2009, his role was expanded to series regular.[9] Roiz stated in an interview that it was later revealed to him that his character would be gay, something he felt was an opportunity to explore the complexity of a gay character in a science fiction setting, as well as to explore the issue of homosexuality on a social level.[10] In 2012, he guest-starred in the second season of the Jane Espenson–scripted romantic comedy web series *Husbands*.[11]

From 2011 to 2017, Roiz was a series regular on *Grimm*, a supernatural/fantasy police procedural drama produced by Universal Television for NBC, staying on the regular cast for all 6 seasons of the show.[12][13][14]

Roiz then went on to appear in *Taken*, *Lucifer*, *Nice Iranian Girl*, *The Detectives*, *The Ballad of John St. George*, *The Order*, *Perfidy* and *FBI: International* as well as having recurring roles on *Salvation*, *Suits*, *Departure*, *9-1-1*, *The Endgame* and *Chicago Med*.[15]

Additionally, he voice-acted for *Superman: Red Son* in 2020 and *Turning Red* in 2022.[16]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2004	*The Day After Tomorrow*	Parker	
2005	*Assault on Precinct 13*	Jason Elias	
	Land of the Dead	Manolete	
2006	*16 Blocks*	Detective Kaller	
	Man of the Year	Donald Tilson	
2010	*Unthinkable*	Master Sergeant Lubitchich	
2012	*Extracted*	Tom	
2014	*Pompeii*	Marcus Proculus	
2020	*Superman: Red Son*	Hal Jordan / Green Lantern (voice)	
2022	*Turning Red*	Mr. Kielowski (voice)	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2001	*Largo Winch*	Sergei	Episode: "Endgame"
2003	*Playmakers*	Stephen Lyles	6 episodes
	Mutant X	Nathaniel	Episode: "Wasteland"
2004	*Missing*	Randall Markham	Episode: "In the Midnight Hour"
	Kevin Hill	Nick Bratt	Episode: "Gods and Monsters"
2005	*Tilt*	Blake	2 episodes
	Show Me Yours	Chazz Banks	8 episodes
	Beautiful People	Mr. Tabor	4 episodes
2006	*G-spot*	Jackson	2 episodes
	The Jane Show	Ted	2 episodes
	The Path to 9/11	Nick DeMoia	TV mini-series
2007	*Jeff Ltd.*	Taylor Bloom	4 episodes
	NCIS	NCIS Agent Rick Hall	Episode: "Grace Period"
	CSI: Miami	Darren Butler	Episode: "Guerillas in the Mist"
	Across the River to Motor City	Ben Ford	Series regular
2008	*Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*	Police Officer	Episode: "Gnothi Seauton"
	Victor	Alex Baumann	TV movie about late Canadian swimmer Victor Davis
2009	*Lie To Me*	Captain David Markov	Episode: "A Perfect Score"
	The Mentalist	Keith Wolcutt	Episode: "Crimson Casanova"
2010	*In Plain Sight*	Anton Ivanov	Episode: "Love's Faber Lost"
	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Danny Macklin	Episode: "Pool Shark"
	Caprica	Sam Adama	Series regular
2011	*House*	Driscoll	Episode: "Carrot or Stick"
	Castle	Bobby Stark	Episode: "Pretty Dead"
	Warehouse 13	Marcus Diamond	7 episodes
	It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia	Adriano Calvanese	2 episodes[17]
2011–2017	*Grimm*	Captain Sean Renard	Series regular
2012	*Husbands*	Photog	Episode: "Appropriate Is Not the Word"
2017–2018	*Salvation*	President Monroe Bennett	
2018	*Taken*	Maximilian Silver	Episode: "All About Eve"
2019	*Lucifer*	U.S. Marshal Luke Reynolds	Episode: "Everything's Okay"

Year	Title	Role	Notes
	Suits	Thomas Kessler	6 episodes
	Departure	Pavel Bartok	Recurring role (season 1); 5 episodes
2020	*The Order*	Rogwan	Episode: "Fear Itself, Part 2"
2020–2021	*9-1-1*	Detective Lou Ransone	Recurring role (seasons 3–5)
2022	*The Endgame*	President Andrew Wright	3 episodes
	FBI: International	Lt. Timur Rusu	Episode: "Chew Toy"
2022–2023	*Chicago Med*	Jack Dayton	Recurring role (season 8); 13 episodes
2025–present	*Tracker*	Ross Bogart	Recurring role (season 3)

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	*The Godfather II*	Don Esteban Almeida	Voice
	Wolfenstein	Pavel Cherny / Black Market Agent	

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